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## FARMERS' PARLIAMENT DEBATES BASIC PROBLEMS

CFA SESSIONS ARE ATTENDED BY TWO HUNDRED-VICTORIA

Hannam Challenges Other Canadian Industries to Wipe Out Protection

GARDINER SPEAKS

On Higher Farm Income — Delegates Stress Difference Between "Gross" and "Net"

By E. S. RUSSENHOLT,  
Secretary, Canadian Wheat Pool

VICTORIA, B.C. — "Once again the farmers of Canada challenge other industries to wipe out all tariff protection," stated Dr. H. H. Hannam, in his presidential address to the seventeenth annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Some two hundred farm men and women assembled in this "farmers' parliament" at Victoria, British Columbia, during the last week of January. They represented farmer organizations across Canada, which are the members of this national farm Federation. Public, committee and executive sessions tackled problems which are basic to agriculture and the Canadian economy.

Menace to Prosperity

Mr. Hannam emphasized that while Canadian farmers were producing in efficient abundance, decreased purchasing power and rising costs menaced agricultural prosperity. The International Wheat Agreement had proved to be a stabilizing factor, by preventing nose dives in grain prices. Further stability must be built through effective price supports. Markets must be expanded by converting currencies; moving surpluses into use through F.A.O.; and free trade. Furthermore, a share of our defence spending can be best invested in promoting full use of land and water resources for peak production; and moving surplus farm products into reserve and into use by the world's hungry peoples. (Mr. Hannam's address is outlined at length on another page.)

In welcoming the delegates to British Columbia, Hon. Kenneth Kiernan, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, stressed the need for economical production and realistic marketing to avoid pricing ourselves out of world markets.

Gardiner Stresses Increased Farm Income

Comparing the six years preceding World War II with the last six years, the Rt. Hon. James G. Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture, stressed tremendous increases in volume of production by Canadian



Representing farm organizations from far distant parts of Canada — from the Maritimes, Central Canada, the Prairies and British Columbia — this group of delegates, photographed during an interval in the sessions of the Annual Meeting in Victoria, typifies the all-embracing spirit of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Left to right are: J. A. Marion, Montreal, Second Vice-President C.F.A.; G. N. McConnell, Man., Vice-President, Manitoba Pool Elevators; A. Swensen, Ladner, Field Crops Director, B.C. Federation of Agriculture; A. Proffit, Freetown, P.E.I., Federation Director; W. Ball, Vice-President, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

## Wheat Regains Position as Our Leading Export

Marked Increase in Production Per Cow Gives Encouragement

Alberta Dairymen's Convention Hears Survey of Conditions by President

While the number of dairy cows have decreased in Alberta "to a point that existed away back in 1920," one encouraging trend is the marked increase in the production per cow, R. V. Duffy, President of the Alberta Dairymen's Association, pointed out in his address to the Thirty-second Annual Convention of the Association on Wednesday of this week.

The Convention, in session as we go to press, has attracted large numbers of persons interested in dairying from all parts of the Province, and such prominent speakers as L. A. Atkinson, President of the National Dairy Council; Dr. H. A. Darby, Chief of the Marketing and Merchandising Service of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa; Dr. G. W. Salisbury of Urbana, Ill., head of the Department of Dairy Science of the University of Illinois.

Prizes were presented by Hon. D. A. Ure, Alberta Minister of Agriculture, at a stag banquet on Wednesday evening, the annual banquet of the Association being set for Thursday evening, with E. E. Peterson of Calgary as Toastmaster.

All Time High

"I am informed," Mr. Duffy said in addressing the Convention, "that production per dairy cow reached an all-time high in 1952, when the average was estimated at 5,800 pounds of milk and 203 pounds of butterfat.

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### Would Make Wheat Board Permanent

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Annual Meeting asked that the powers of the Canadian Wheat Board, which expire on July 31st, 1953, be renewed, and that the Board be made permanent.

IWA Importing Nations Hold Separate Sessions

Following the opening of the conference of the International Wheat Council in Washington on Friday, representatives of the 42 importing countries have been conducting closed, separate sessions. It is believed in Washington that they will be willing to agree to an advance over the \$1.80 ceiling set in 1949, and presumably the amount of such an advance is now being debated.

In his address at the opening general session, M. W. Sharp, leader of the Canadian delegation, disclaimed any intention on the part of the four exporting countries to combine in order to secure unreasonable prices. Equally, he said, he was convinced that "any attempt by the importers to obtain terms which would jeopardize the supply of the world's basic foodstuffs would be contrary to their best interests." He reminded the Council that the purpose of the original agreement was to avoid too great fluctuations in price.

Can Now Buy Full Quotas

It was announced on Monday that importing countries would now be able to buy their full quotas for the current year; previously, a limit of 95 per cent of the quotas had been set.

DOLLAR IN EVERY FOUR IS FOR GRAIN AND ITS PRODUCTS

Wheat Edges Out Newsprint as Principal Export of Canada

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery, Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Feb. 4th. — In the past year, wheat has regained its position as the leading article of export to world markets from Canada, taking over the place from newsprint paper, though by a small margin. Wheat exports amounted to \$621,292,000 in 1952 compared with \$591,790,000 for newsprint paper.

In addition to the wheat, however, the export of wheat flour amounted to \$116,055,000, making a total of \$737,347,000, which represents 17 per cent of the entire export figure for all kinds of goods of \$4,301,000,000.

Advance in 1952  
In the previous year, 1951, this country exported \$554,897,000 in wheat and flour, so that the advance in 1952 is quite a considerable amount.

There was also a considerable increase in the export of grains (other than wheat), the total being \$235,230,000 compared with \$129,214,000 in 1951. The export of grain and its products represented 23 per cent of all exports, or, to put it in another way, for every \$4 received by Canadians for exports abroad nearly \$1 (Continued on Page 13)

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## Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



# CADP and Co-op Milk Co. Amalgamate OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. George E. Church, President of the Co-operative Milk Company, Limited (Calgary), and Mr. James A. Wood, President of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, are pleased to announce the amalgamation of their co-operative organizations into one larger Dairy Producers' Co-operative organization.

The larger organization will continue to operate as the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. This change became effective February 1st, 1953.

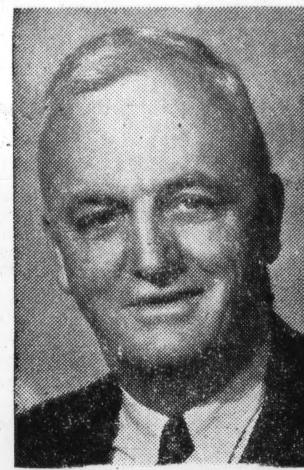
The Calgary unit will be known henceforward as the Alpha Milk Company.

There will be no changes in the personnel. It is anticipated, however, that the amalgamation will provide additional opportunities for service to the present members.

By support of their own Dairy Co-operative, members and producers in general will gain for themselves and their fellow-producers in the dairy field great benefits and advantages. The larger the volume of patronage the greater the benefits to all will be.



JAS. A. WOOD



GEO. E. CHURCH



ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE



R. VICTOR DUFFY

### Whitehills Jersey Dairy at Red Deer Is Now Unit of C.A.D.P.

Effective January 1st this year Whitehills Jersey Dairy, Red Deer, has become a part of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. The former owner and manager, Mr. R. C. Wright, and the members of the staff are continuing the business which in the future will be operated as a unit of our organization. With the inclusion of the Whitehills Dairy this now makes 11 retail fluid milk businesses operated by our organization. The others are located at Brooks, Hanna, Coronation, Stettler, Ponoka, Rimbev, Eckville, Rocky Mountain House and Olds now, and as announced in this issue, Calgary.

### Announcement Made Re Spondin Creamery

Mr. J. A. Rasmussen, owner and operator of the Spondin Creamery, at the end of 1952 discontinued his creamery business at Spondin. In a notice sent out to his shippers, mention was made that production had got down to a point where it was not an economical operation to continue. Mr. Rasmussen has sold some of his equipment to our organization and will dispose of his buildings at a later date. After taking care of these arrangements and taking a well-earned holiday for Mrs. Rasmussen and himself, he will be taking a position with our organization.

From left to right are (top) President James A. Wood of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool and President George E. Church of the Co-operative Milk Company (Calgary), the two co-operatives whose amalgamation is announced on this page; and Ellis A. Johnstone, General Manager of the C.A.D.P., and R. Victor Duffy, Manager of the Calgary Company, who continue as Manager of the Calgary unit, to be known in future as the Alpha Milk Company.

Mr. Wood, who farms at Elnora, played an important part in the formation of the C.A.D.P. and has been a member of the Pool Board since 1938 and President since 1944. He is well known for his services in other branches of the farm movement. Mr. Church farms at Balzac. He has been a member of the Board of the Co-operative Milk Company since he took part in its organization in 1929, and President of the Company since 1937. He will be Chairman of the Milk Committee operating the Calgary branch of the C.A.D.P., and also a Director on the Board. Elections to the Board take place at the Annual Meeting in the summer. Mr. Church's long career in the farm movement in many fields has included service on the Executive of the U.F.A., of which he was President from 1945 until amalgamation with the A.F.U.; he was an original director of the U.F.A. Co-operative, and has been its President for many years. Mr. Johnstone, after wide experience in the dairy industry in Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta, was appointed General Manager of the C.A.D.P. in 1938. Since that year the Pool has made continuous progress and has widely extended its operations. Mr. Duffy has spent 31 years in the dairy business, for 15 years as manager of the Co-operative Milk Company, which he joined in that capacity in 1938. (Sales of the Company were \$250,000 in 1938 and \$1,250,000 in 1952). During the preceding 11 years Mr. Duffy was manager of the Woodland Dairy in Edmonton. He is President of the Alberta Dairymen's Association, in session in Calgary this week.



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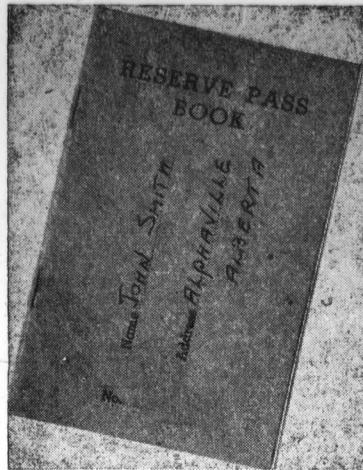
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1947	S(B)	2000.00	4%		80.00	236.00
1948	T	1800.00	4%		72.00	308.00



## YOUR RESERVE PASS BOOK

### What It Is and What the Figures in It Represent

THIS article is mainly for the information of the many patrons who have joined the Central Alberta Dairy Pool during 1952, and also to answer the most frequent questions asked us by older members as well, which are: "When do I get my dividends?" and "Why must I wait so long?"

#### The Pass Book

If you made your first shipment of cream, poultry, eggs or milk, to any of our branches during 1952, you will receive

early this year (1953) a small buff colored book called a Reserve Pass Book, containing some figures ((see illustration).

The first column indicates the first year you shipped goods to us, which will be 1952 in the case of our patrons in the Lethbridge area. The second column denotes the year by a letter for office purposes. The third column shows the total dollar value of the goods shipped to us in that year.

#### Full Market Value—and Surplus Too

For instance, if you shipped \$350.00 worth of cream and \$400.00 worth of eggs and \$100.00 worth of poultry, the total dollar value of your shipments would be \$850.00, which you received in cash. This payment was the full market value of your produce at the time of shipment. We processed and sold your produce for you and made a profit, after paying all expenses. Your directors met and determined what portion of the profit or surplus is yours.

The figure in the fourth column is the rate of dividend your directors decided is your portion of the surplus.

#### STUDY THE COLUMNS AGAIN.

Look at the illustration again, and you will notice that John Smith, in 1948, sold us produce to the value of \$1800.00. The directors declared that each patron be credited with a 4% dividend on total value of shipments, which gave John a credit of \$72.00 for that year, which when added to his previous years' credits or equity in his organization brought his total equity to \$308.00.

Early each year you are asked to return your book to Red Deer, when the previous year's earnings will be credited to you and your new total equity will be shown plainly. In John Smith's case, when he returns his book this year he will receive a cheque in payment of series R(1946) for \$54.00. He received his series Q(1945) payment last year.

#### WHY SO LONG A WAIT BEFORE WE RECEIVE OUR FIRST CASH PAYMENT?

No patron of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool has ever been asked to buy a share or buy a part interest in the business. There are no shareholders in the accepted sense. Our working capital is provided from our surplus earnings, of which each patron receives his share. To provide an adequate amount of money to enable us to buy and pay cash for your produce, and to provide the services required to process and market what you send to us, we retain in the business your share of the surplus for six years.

After six years you commence to draw out the money that you have earned, one year at a time. For instance, this year (1953) our patrons will receive in cash the money they earned in 1946 and next year, if business conditions permit, your directors may order the money you earned in 1947 to be paid to you, and so on.

#### USED AS WORKING CAPITAL

As we have so far indicated, the credits are kept back and used as our working capital. It takes more money to operate your farm this year than it did in 1948, and so it is with any business. It takes more money to pay wages and buy supplies. It takes more money to pay you for your produce.

In short, the cost of doing business today is far greater than it was a few years ago. It now takes the total of at least six years accumulated patrons' credits to give us the very minimum working capital. That is why your credits are left in your business for six years.

Don't forget that you have received the full market price for your produce when you delivered it to us, with no deductions. That, however, was not the final payment. Had you delivered your produce outside your co-operative, you would have received the same payment and no more. The transaction was complete and finished.

Using your farmer owned Co-operative means that you share the surplus after expenses are paid.

One more word, friends. You cannot draw anything from a banking account before you've put something in, and so it is with your Co-operative. We sincerely hope that we have answered your questions clearly. If there are any other matters upon which you are not sure, you are cordially invited to talk them over with the manager of your nearest branch or write to Head Office in Red Deer.

#### FINAL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE THIS YEAR.

Your Board of Directors have authorized payment in cash of series R. 1946, and for our Neapolis friends, (Continued on Page 8)

## WHEAT POOL RESERVE PURCHASE

At the autumn convention of Alberta Wheat Pool delegates it was decided to allocate \$1,337,641 of 1951-52 elevator earnings to complete the redemption of the 1923-28 Pool reserves. The people who contributed those reserves in the early years will be completely paid out. The payments went out in January.

The membership in the years 1923-28 inclusive contributed \$8,467,830 to the reserve fund for the building of Pool elevators and the providing of working capital.

This investment was impaired by financial losses in the sale of the 1929 crop. Continued support of Pool elevators over the intervening years has provided earnings sufficient to retire the 1929 indebtedness and also to make provision for the gradual redemption of the original reserves. Such were paid for at 100 cents on the dollar.

When the presently authorized payment is completed every original member will be paid out in full.

The reserves so redeemed will be re-distributed to patrons of Pool elevators as part of patronage dividends, the balance being paid in cash.

Over the years Alberta Pool elevator patrons have been paid patronage dividends to a total of \$11,083,327, \$5,099,683 in cash and \$5,983,644 in reserve credits.

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#### C.F.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Because the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is by far the most important event of the year from the standpoint of the farm people of the Dominion in all the Provinces, we have devoted a very great part of our space in this issue to the proceedings and to the decisions made at Victoria. For important features we are indebted to E. S. Russenholt of the Canadian Wheat Pool.

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The strength of the farm movement, its influence in the councils of the nation, are greater today than in any previous period in the history of Agriculture in Canada. They are greater because, though farm production in the various Provinces varies widely, and though there may be from time to time differences to be resolved, overriding common interests provide a unifying force from coast to coast.

Because of that unity, the voice of Agriculture, as expressed through the Federation, commands respect and consideration everywhere, and especially in the national capital. Each of the Provincial Federations contributes to the power of the Canadian Federation, while deriving increased influence, by reason of its association with the national organization, in the advancing of policies which it formulates in its own Provincial field as a means of coping with its own Provincial problems.

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Alberta farm people will recognize in the decisions made at Victoria many of the proposals upon major questions of policy which they themselves had advanced.—proposals which originated in one or the other of the affiliate bodies of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. Time and time again, in running through the list of resolutions, they will discover that their own judgments, formed in their union locals or in annual meetings of their own co-operatives, have been embodied first in the program of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and in that of the Western Agricultural Conference, and finally in the program of the Canadian Federation for the coming year.

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Incidentally, the "Policy Statement for 1953" of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, which will be included in a brief review of the Vancouver convention of that organization by President James A. Wood of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool in our next issue, was adopted by the Federation, and thus becomes part and parcel of the C.F.A. program for the coming year.

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#### DR. KEENLEYSIDE'S ADDRESS

Delegates we have met since the Convention in Victoria consider that the address given by Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, Director of the Technical Assistance Program for the United Nations, on "The Impending Crisis", should be in the hands of every Canadian. Perhaps it may be possible for the Federation to print it in pamphlet form, in order that its distribution among members of the affiliate organizations may be as wide as possible.

#### Harry Truman Goes Home

Undaunted by the battles vainly fought,  
And humbly proud of battles fairly won,  
Unchanged through years by power and prestige  
fraught,

America beholds this faithful son  
Make graceful exit from the nation's stage,  
And homeward fare to seek and find again  
The liberty and leisure to engage  
In lesser roles among his fellow-men.

His country will re-echo the debate  
On wisdom of his forthright points of view  
Until time's test has served to vindicate  
The things he did and things he tried to do,  
And history within its hall of fame  
Has boldly carved this happy warrior's name.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

Dr. Keenleyside, who is a Canadian, is giving distinguished service to the United Nations. In the wide sweep of his survey of the distracted world of today, he discussed the strength and weakness of our civilization, and suggested a course of action. He dealt in part with the problems of food production on the international scale. He opened wittily:

"I should like to talk to you about your own special field of activity — Canadian agriculture. It is true that farming in all its branches is a subject about which I must confess to a truly comprehensive ignorance. But ignorance does not necessarily inhibit speech. If knowledge were an essential qualification for public discussion, what an impressive silence would fall suddenly on this and other lands."

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If Dr. Keenleyside's ignorance of farming is as comprehensive as he modestly suggests it is, his knowledge of the world's food problems, and the bearing of agriculture upon every other problem of international statesmanship, is extensive. We cannot give examples of it here, but we quote below a few passages from the address which reveal something of the man and of the spirit in which he approaches his great responsibilities.

Within our own country, Dr. Keenleyside suggested, necessary steps were the strengthening and maintaining of military defences, strengthening of our economies, "allowing no remediable social injustice to weaken the solidarity of our own people," defending in Canada "those human rights and individual liberties that mark the free man and the free nation."

Parallel with these steps, we should join with all other friendly peoples in a really vigorous effort to strengthen the weaker nations, "help them bulwark their economies, introduce essential social reforms, provide present opportunities and future hope for their peoples."

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"We engage in this program," declared Dr. Keenleyside, "not only because it offers a vastly increased hope of military protection, not only because it promises fantastic commercial profits. We pursue this policy because it is right. We should not, we cannot, remain passive in comfort while human beings in other lands — men and women and little children with needs and emotions and hopes like our own — suffer unnecessarily from ignorance and hunger, from illness and injustice. While they are in bonds none of us can be truly free. In aiding them we are raising ourselves to a higher level of human conduct."

"Two thousand years ago Christ said: 'I was an hungered and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink, I was a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me, I was sick and ye visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me.'

"Today in modern Canada, and elsewhere throughout the world, it is only to the extent that we translate these words into the realities of current practice within and between nations, that humanity can move toward that distant but imperative goal of peace and decency for all men everywhere on earth."

## Hannam Commences Fifteenth Term as President of C.F.A.

H. H. Hannam, whose election was confirmed by the Board of Directors following the recent annual meeting, begins his fifteenth term as president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Vice-presidents were also re-elected: W. J. Parker, president Manitoba Pool Elevators; and J. A. Marion, president of L'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs.

With directors representing Eastern Provinces, the following constitute the Board for 1953:

British Columbia: A. H. Mercer, Vancouver; V. E. Ellison, Oyama; C. E. S. Walls, Victoria.

Alberta: Roy Marler, Edmonton; Ben Plumer, Calgary; L. Pharis, Magrath.

Saskatchewan: W. J. Ball, Regina; Gordon Loveridge, Grenfell; L. J. Bright, Regina.

Manitoba: W. J. Parker, Winnipeg; J. D. Wilton, Carman; J. T. Monkhouse, Elie.

United Grain Growers: J. E. Brownlee, Q.C., Calgary. Dairy Farmers of Canada: Gilbert McMillan, Huntingdon, Que. Canadian Horticultural Council: L. F. Burrows, Ottawa. National Women's Committee: Mrs. N. R. Archibald, Truro, N.S.; Mrs. F. E. Harkness, Grandview, Man.

The 1953 semi-annual meeting of the C.F.A. will be held in Manitoba during July. The 1954 annual meeting will be held at a point in Ontario to be designated later.

## What Federation Did

Reached decisions on major questions of national agricultural policy reported elsewhere in this issue; and dealt with many other important farm problems. The delegates:

### Defence Crow's Nest Rates

Vigorously opposed "any unreasonable and unjust increase in freight rates"; and specifically resolved that the organization be asked "to institute a thorough study of present grain rates, commonly known as the Crow's Nest Pass Grain Rates, so as to have ready all the necessary information to enable a proper defence against any attempt to have these rates increased." It was pointed out that "there is a continuous propaganda from railway sources, that grain rates are too low, and an effort to secure increased rates may be made at any time."

Urged "upon all parties concerned the advisability of reinstating a reduced freight rate on Registered and Certified Seed."

### Agricultural Defence Plan

Re-endorsed the previous recommendation made by the Directors that "at least 10 per cent of the Defence Budget be earmarked for an agricultural defence food plan." The resolution pointed out that the Canadian defence program is costing five billion dollars in three years "in which agriculture has received no place whatever", and that "the boom in labor and manufacturing costs and rise of cost of goods and services resulting from this has severely handicapped agriculture to the point where farmers cannot compete." It is further indicated that "a weakened agriculture would seriously impair the security of Canada."

Gave continued support to "the principle of international commodity agreements for the orderly marketing of farm commodities in the interests of both producer and consumer."

### Would Hold Dollar at Parity

Recommended to the Government of Canada that control be exercised to prevent the Canadian dollar rising above parity with the U.S. dollar.

Urged that government officials "be more circumspect when making pro-

## Perhaps This Report Needed Some Revision



Much of the work of the Canadian Farmers' Parliament is done by small committees. Here a group of delegates is seen, earnestly considering the wording of a report or resolution dealing with some aspect of C.F.A. policy.

Left to right: J. T. Wilton, Carman, Man., President, Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation; S. S. Sears (seated) Nanton, Alta., Director, United Grain Growers; C. A. Milligan, Napanee, Ont., President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; C. E. Walls, Secretary Manager, B.C. Federation of Agriculture, Victoria, B.C.

### Destroy Production of More Than 200,000 Farms

**REGINA, Sask.**—Rats on the North American continent eat or spoil as much food as can be produced on over 200,000 farms, states R. E. McKenzie, of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

### FARMERS' PARLIAMENT

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agriculture — and even greater increases in the income of farm families.

In an hour-long speech, and a longer subsequent discussion, the Minister emphasized that average farm income for the latter period was almost four times the \$600 million annual average before the war. Compared with the last three war years, production of all major farm products, except cereals, has decreased in the last three years. Increases in prices however, gave farmers increased returns. In some products, current returns are above "parity" based on 1943-45. Our best market for farm products, Mr. Gardiner said, is in Canada. This market gives the highest returns per unit. Canadian farmers are getting the highest returns of any farmers in the world, except U.S. farmers; and, in many cases, higher than U.S.

**Net Income Different Picture**  
Discussion brought out the fact that the Minister's statements were based upon gross figures. Several delegates voiced the emphatic opinion that statistics of the net position of Canadian agriculture give a very different picture.

Mr. Gardiner stated that the Government can get out farm products into the U.K. market tomorrow, if we are willing to meet the competition of beef from Argentina at 16 cents a pound, and bacon from Denmark at 31.5 cents. Rather than coax

nouncements involving the use of farm income statistics, so that misunderstandings as to the true nature of farm net income will not arise." The resolution set forth that officials quoting farm income frequently "refer to gross income rather than net income statistics in setting forth the degree of agricultural prosperity", and that this practice "often results in hasty and unwarranted conclusions on the part of the press and the consuming public."

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## Efforts to Obtain Long-Term Contracts With U.K. Are Urged

Determined efforts by the Government of Canada to develop additional markets for surplus meat products by negotiating long-term contracts for the sale of bacon and other meat products "to the United Kingdom and to other importing countries" were urged in a resolution adopted in open session of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at Victoria.

Successful negotiations of this character, the resolution suggests, will prove "an effective means of establishing price stability at production levels for these commodities."

The resolution expresses approval of the principle underlying the maintenance of floor prices for livestock, and the holding of surplus meat products off the market during periods of congestion; but the proposed long-term contracts respecting exports are regarded as also desirable as means to the desired end.

be four cents higher next March than today.

The convention resolved unanimously to send to Chas. A. Hayden, editor of **Country Life in B.C.** a message of sympathy on his illness; and of appreciation for his outstanding work in the farm movement, including pioneering the organization of the C.F.A.

"Farm Radio Forum" is the chief educational activity of the C.F.A., stated Mr. Hannam, following presentation of the Farm Radio Forum report. The meeting expressed by resolution "appreciation to United Nations for analyzing our Farm Radio Forum study group set-up, in order that they may be able to use it in other countries."

New records for production of pig iron and steel were set up in Britain in 1952.

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### Seek Higher Floor for Hogs So Domestic Needs For Products Assured

Pointing out that "periods of peak and low production and resultant high and low prices are not in the best interests of either producers or consumers", and expressing the opinion that the present 23 cent floor price for hogs "will result in production falling below domestic requirements", a resolution passed in the C.F.A. open sessions urged that "consideration be given to increasing floor prices to a point which will at least provide for our own domestic requirements."

"I believe that history will

"But from any angle, Canadian producers deserve all the advantage there is in it for them. Canadian wheat growers had the vision to throw their full weight behind the idea of an agreement from the time it was first proposed; they and the Federation of Agriculture have had a hand in helping to shape the Canadian Government's stand at succeeding international wheat conferences. The C.F.A. has repeatedly declared its faith in the kind of stabilization program of which the International Wheat Agreement is typical; and their stand has been to the forefront in formulating the International Federation of Agricultural Producers' policy in that connection.

## Wheat Growers' Steadfastness Contribution To International Statesmanship—PRESIDENT HANNAM

**V**ICTORIA, B.C. — Paying tribute to the wisdom of wheat growers, who have stood firmly by the principle of orderly marketing and sales agreements, President H. H. Hannam pointed out in his address to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture that "in former days if Canada had harvested an all-time record crop, on top of a big crop in the preceding year, prices on the exchange would certainly have taken sudden and frequent nose dives, and the grower would take the rap."

**"Heavy marketings and jammed elevators would have been the excuse — even if world demand and supply did not justify any such drop. It is true there is a strong world demand today, but in addition there is the stabilizing effect of an International Wheat Agreement.**

Wheat Growers Had Vision

some day record the steadfast loyalty of Canadian producers to the first Wheat Agreement, in the face of unexpected difficulties, as a notable contribution to pioneering in international statesmanship."

#### What Canada Should Aim For

Mr. Hannam fully agreed with the Minister, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, who had said that the Government of Canada is still interested in trying to achieve reasonable stability of prices, and "will participate in a renewal of the Agreement if reasonable rates can be negotiated; we shall not easily be satisfied."

Such an agreement had much to commend it, the Minister had said, "as against bilateral agreements, or as against the violent instability that might otherwise affect wheat markets and prices."

**"What Canada should aim to do . . . is to build up continuing markets for Canadian grain; not 'in and out' customers, but customers that look upon Canada as a reliable supplier.**

"The International Wheat Agreement," the Minister had added, "has helped to establish those connections for our wheat and flour. We can, of course, get along without such an agreement, and its renewal can by no means be taken for granted. But I think that it would be good for Canada, and good for the world generally, if a satisfactory extension can be arranged." With these views Mr. Hannam agreed.

The President said the "best assurance for 1953 prosperity is provided by the heavy demands of the defence spending program stimulated by Government spending." While this would help the domestic market for farm products, it would also "drain more manpower away from agriculture, which is already suffering a grave shortage of skilled and dependable farm help."

#### Livestock Outlook Far From Bright

While "the outlook for export markets for cereals is excellent . . . for livestock and dairy and poultry products the export outlook is far from bright," the President went on. "The currency situation in Great Britain and Western Europe is still precarious, and even if the Commonwealth Conference did make plans to improve it, we have no reason to expect any substantial improvement from that source during the current year. In the United States they expect the trend of beef cattle prices to be downward. Certainly, both hog production and prices will be lower in 1953."

#### Three Things That Would Help

"Three things which would vastly improve the export market for agriculture — and in turn inject strength and confidence into our domestic agricultural economy — are:

1. The return to convertibility of sterling and dollar currencies.
2. The removal of restrictions on dairy products moving into the United States, and
3. The establishing by governments in the Food and Agricultural Organization (of the UN) of an international program with a well equipped interna-

#### Recommend Renewal, Higher Floor, Ceiling

The C.F.A. Annual Meeting recommended "the renewal of the International Wheat Agreement (as the most practical type of commodity agreement yet proposed for the marketing of wheat) with such amendments as experience has shown are necessary; and further recommend that, in view of the consistent increase in farm production and living costs since the inception of the agreement in 1949, the present floor and ceiling prices should be substantially increased."

It was pointed out that the agreement "has provided a degree of stability for both exporting and importing nations establishing a new and desirable trend in international trade."



Dr. R. H. HANNAM

total agency to handle surpluses; and preferably to have such program linked with that of providing reserve stocks to meet emergency shortages and famine in needy countries.

"For those who have the erroneous impression that farmers have been enjoying unprecedented prosperity," said Mr. Hannam, "it would be well to restate the fact that the farmer's income depends not upon prices alone, but farm prices in relation to farm costs. In recent years, farm costs have risen more than farm prices.

#### Less Every Year Since 1948

"Based on price relationship, the farmer's purchasing power, if represented by the index of 100 in 1948, has been less every year since. For 1952 it stands at 82. Since it is generally agreed that farm prices may be down somewhat and farm costs are expected to hold or go a little higher, this farm purchasing power relationship may well drop to 80 or less during 1953, down by 20 per cent or more since 1948."

#### Threat to Dairy Industry

The dairy industry was faced with the threat of a widespread introduction (Continued on Page 11)

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The Alberta Government designs and helps to construct laterals for smaller irrigation districts erected under the Irrigation Districts Act. Irrigation Districts at Macleod and Ross Creek have been assisted. The Alberta Government has spent more than \$4,000,000 on the St. Mary and Milk Rivers Irrigation Development and expects to spend another \$3,750,000 on this beneficial project. Distributary Canals are also planned for the Bow River Irrigation Development.

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# Relating Regional Problems to National and World Needs

By E. S. RUSSENHOLT

VICTORIA, B.C.—An observer who has attended the meetings of the C.F.A. over many years cannot fail to be impressed by the increased capacity of the delegates assembled from Atlantic to Pacific to relate local and regional problems to the needs of our national economy; and, in turn, to world needs. Impressive, too, is the increased degree of determination that Canada's organized farmers shall meet these basic problems with their full, united powers.

This capacity and determination were evidenced, particularly, in the handling of two resolutions to which the convention devoted much of its attention.

#### Industrial Disputes—C.F.A. Proposal

One of these resolutions voiced the concern of Canadian agriculture with the loss inflicted upon the farm com-



COLIN G. GROFF

Secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, who delivered a comprehensive report to the Annual Convention of the Federation in Victoria. The report dealt with action taken by the C.F.A. in connection with many major problems faced by the agricultural industry during 1952.

munity and our entire nation, through industrial disputes; and called upon the Government of Canada to bring labor and management into conference to consider effective means of resolving their differences in a court of final resort, without periodic disruption of the national economy.

#### Coarse Grains and Wheat Board

The second of these resolutions dealt with the movement of coarse grains from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to British Columbia and Eastern Canada. This resolution called for:

1. Elimination of the speculative market for coarse grains; and
2. That Eastern feeders be protected by the Canadian Wheat Board keeping a feed grain reserve in Eastern position for the winter all-rail season.

(After completion of the discussion of this resolution as described below, the matter was referred to the Board, which reached the unanimous decisions reported elsewhere on this page).

The Western producer has been protected by the Wheat Board, but the Eastern feeder has been left unprotected from speculative marketing.

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### Joint Committee Set Up —Decision Unanimous

VICTORIA, B.C.—Following debate in the public sessions over the operations of the Wheat Board with respect to the marketing and distribution of coarse grains to eastern feeders of livestock, the Board of Directors of the C.F.A. gave unanimous support to the resolution urging the renewal of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, and in a further resolution, passed unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of a joint committee of nine members, four from the feeding areas, and four from the wheat marketing organizations, with H. H. Hannam as chairman, to discuss with Wheat Board officials some plan for meeting the problem of the livestock feeders with respect to assurances of supplies of feed grains at all times.

stated Mr. Milligan, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. J. Broderick, Past President of that organization, said that Eastern feeders agree that the Wheat Board is the sole marketing agency for Western grain growers.

#### Views of Eastern and B.C. Farmers

The Eastern farmers helped to create the Board, Mr. Broderick stressed, adding that they are willing to accept share of the Board costs. Eastern feeders must have stabilized prices and supply of feed grains. The Wheat Board Act gives the Board power to establish agencies anywhere in Canada. The Board does not sell; but does control supply; and must take the responsibility for assuring adequate supply for Eastern feeders. The latter feel that they have been squeezed for two years; and won't take it any longer, the Ontario Past President said.

Western producers have gained a great advantage through the Wheat Board, stated Lyle Currie, of the B.C. Federation; but in gaining this advantage have robbed B.C. feeders of low prices in the fall, when hedging pressure formerly forced prices down. B.C. co-operatives, however, have always been able to get grain, mostly from the Alberta Wheat Pool.

#### Western Producers State Position

Western producers are just as anxious as are Eastern feeders to agree upon some method which shall be mutually beneficial, said W. J. Ball, president of the Saskatchewan Federation. Western producers deliver wheat, oats and barley to the Wheat Board and accept only part of the value of their grain in an initial payment. Western producers pay all storage costs, as well as all costs of the Board; and are not protected in price, except that they are assured of getting the net outturn from the average of the prices secured by the Board.

When Eastern farm organizations, through the C.F.A., supported Wheat Board handling of oats and barley, stated Roy Grant of New Brunswick, they understood that speculative marketing would be ended; and that

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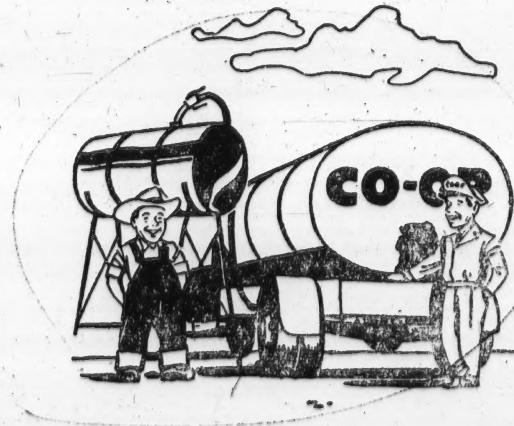
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**Two Threats to Canadian Dairy Industry****Dairy Farmers' President Addresses Convention**

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Two threats to the dairy industry — inflation and the use of vegetable oils — were stressed in the presidential address of Gilbert McMillan to the annual meeting of Dairy Farmers of Canada, in its opening session on January 20th.

**Inflationary Trends Handicap**

Conditions governing production had been better than average for the country as a whole, said Mr. McMillan, and Canada's total milk production in 1952 was near the 17 billion pound mark. However, inflationary trends presented a rather severe handicap, "stemming largely from short hours of labor and a wage rate in industry with which the dairy industry cannot compete."

On the other hand, sharp price drops had started early in 1952; by mid-year, average prices of all farm milk had dropped by 10.2 per cent and the price of cows and calves sold for meat had dropped over 30 per cent.

**Disturbing Effect**

In the whole milk branch of the industry, introduction of milk with a low fat content on some markets had had a disturbing effect. Mr. McMillan pointed out that improvement in dairy herds over a long period had been based largely on securing increased fat content of milk.

Increased production of condensed milk products had been in many cases accompanied by decreased prices to producers of milk used for these purposes.

As to butter, Mr. McMillan stressed the importance, in view of competition from substitutes, of producing sufficient quantities, of good quality, to meet consumer demand. Developing of a strong producers' marketing agency, with control over imports, was the answer to the problem created by seasonal production.

Surveying the cheese industry, Mr. McMillan argued that it could fill a very important part of the dairy industry as a whole.

There were indications, said the President, that the organization's publicity and public relations campaign was getting results. The re-

sponse to the "set-aside" had been reasonably satisfactory, but there was room for improvement.

In the field of research, a project to determine the relative nutritional values of butterfat and vegetable fat was under way; work was also going on constantly in the developing of better methods of processing and packaging dairy products. And at the farm level, too, improved methods were being continually developed.

**"Biggest and Most Pressing Problem"**

The biggest and most pressing problem of the industry, said Mr. McMillan, was unfair competition from cheap substitute products. Oil-filled milk, cheese and concentrated products were now in use in the U.S. Demand for these products had not been spontaneous, the speaker maintained, but was "carefully instigated by well-organized and powerfully directed propaganda on the part of those who stand to make a lot of money from the sale of these substitutes."

Opposition to these products on the part of Dairy Farmers of Canada arose from concern for the fate of an industry that had made an unsurpassed contribution to the development of Canada. The dairy industry was one which tied people permanently to the land, maintaining the fertility of that land and producing foods that had always been synonymous with healthful living. It was an industry worth three-quarters of a billion dollars to the national economy annually.

**Urge Resistance**

Resistance of the encroachment of substitutes was urged by Mr. McMillan, along with research into their effect upon health and upon the national economy, and encouragement of every possible effort to lower the costs of dairy products.

**CUC Annual Congress****Opens on March 10th.****Hannam Guest Speaker**

Guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Co-operative Union of Canada will be H. H. Hannam, Ottawa, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and hosts will be the Provincial Government.

The banquet will be one of the principal events of the 44th annual congress of the C.U.C., to be held in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, March 10th to 12th, with special conferences and committee meetings before and after the congress.

**Luncheon Opening Day**

Other features of the week will be a luncheon on the opening day, sponsored jointly by United Grain Growers and the Alberta Wheat Pool, and an address, later in the same day, by Harold Hedges, of the U.S. Farm Credit Administration. Panel discussions have been arranged, on "Educating Young Co-operators" and "What Is the Responsibility of Government Toward the Co-operative Movement?"

Reports on various branches of the co-operative movement, including insurance, co-operative trust company, co-operative credit, co-operative fisheries, co-operative accountancy, are on the agenda, as well as reports of officers and committees.

**FLOOR PRICE OF 63c FOR TWO YEARS ASKED BY DAIRY GROUP**

**Manager of C.A.D.P. Gives Few Impressions of Convention of Dairy Farmers**

"Of the reports from the Commodity groups to the most successful Convention of the Dairy Farmers of Canada in Vancouver," stated Ellis A. Johnstone, General Manager of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, in an interview with **The Western Farm Leader** on his return, "the one that possibly interests Western Canada most is that the butter group asked for a floor price for at least a two-year period of 63 cents a pound. The previous floor was 58 cents, and it was established that there were sufficient increases in costs to warrant the approximately 10 per cent increase over the previous floor price."

**President to Write in Next Issue**

Mr. Johnstone spoke in terms of high praise of the manner in which the Convention was carried on. He was unable to stay until the end of proceedings, and in the C.A.D.P. section of our next issue James A. Wood, President, will give brief outline of important decisions, which will include the "Policy Statement for 1953". In this the urgency of action to deal with the threat to the dairy industry which the increased use of oils in place of butterfat involves, is stressed.

**Guarantees Against Deceptions**

"Generally speaking," said Mr. Johnstone, "the feeling in the West is that there should be adequate guarantee that imitation dairy products could not in any way be sold as genuine products. In other words, our industry should have protection against deception; secondly, that imitation products should not be allowed to have special privileges in regard to the ingredients put into them, and still be permitted to be sold as good products, with such phrases used as 'churned fresh daily' or 'made from milk'. The representatives from Eastern Canada, who were a little bit closer to the impact there might be in the use of imitation dairy products, than we, were reasonably sure that a complete prohibition would be about the only answer."

**Directors for Alberta**

"On the occasion of the election of directors from the different Provinces — the retiring directors for Alberta were Frank Maddock, President of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool and R. H. M. Bailey, general manager of the Alberta Provincial Milk and Cream Producers' Association — Mr. Bailey expressed the desire to retire, so the new directors for Alberta are Mr. Maddock and Mr. R. P. Gibb."

"More than 200 persons attended the three days' sessions (Jan. 21, 22 and 23) in the Hotel Vancouver, with President Gilbert MacMillan of Huntingdon, Quebec, the efficient chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer and his stenographic staff ably looking after arrangements. Among others who contributed to the success of proceedings were Orville Shugg in charge of the Dairy Foods Service Bureau and the Dairy Farmers of Canada advertising program, assisted by R. D. McClelland (Continued on Page 13)



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## WORLD CHRONICLE

**Jan. 14th.** — Norwegian budget calls for record arms spending of over \$161 millions. At Council of Europe, British spokesman reiterates policy not to join federated Europe as full member, but pledges close co-operation.

**Jan. 15th.** — British arrest seven former Nazis in West Germany on charges of plotting to seize power. China to have elections this year, announced. Transport board at Ottawa hears Dr. J. C. Bonbright of Columbia University oppose C.P.R. proposals for "rate-base". In farewell broadcast, Truman says U.S. is on way to win "cold war" without resorting to atomic weapons.

**Jan. 16th.** — Naguib dissolves all political parties in Egypt for three-year period.

**Jan. 17th.** — Canada's L. W. Brockington named by Lie to head three-man loyalty panel; other members are Ralph Bunche of U.S. and C. Stavropoulos of Greece.

**Jan. 18th.** — Egyptian Communists to be rounded up, announced; six newspapers said Communist, suspended. Riots break out in state penitentiary at Pittsburgh, U.S.

**Jan. 19th.** — Transport Board at Ottawa temporarily rejects C.P.R. application for freight rates based on fixed return on investment. Royal Commission reports to Ottawa that Saskatchewan River irrigation scheme impractical, too costly.

**Jan. 20th.** — President Eisenhower inaugurated in Washington. Canadian rail strike threatened for February 2nd. Railway demand new 7 per cent freight rate increase.

**Jan. 21st.** — British government announces it will go out of grain-buying after 1953 harvest. Moscow radio calls for stepping up of class war in Russia. French court passes death sentences on six Germans (four in absentia) convicted of wartime concentration camp crimes. Pearson urges U.S. to lower trade barriers to safeguard Western defence alliances. Keenleyside, head of UN Technical Assistance Administration (TAA), en route to address CFA Convention, says world's principal trouble spot is Middle East, where TAA has done least.

**Jan. 22nd.** — Government may have to intervene in rail dispute, stated in Ottawa. Britain asks Russia to bring coarse grain shipments up to yearly average; are now far short. C. E. Wilson agrees to get rid of General Motors stock, in order to qualify as Eisenhower's secretary of defence.

**Jan. 23rd.** — London reports new Spanish-American treaty will give U.S. three air bases. St. Laurent says Canada will supply at least part of Britain's deficiency of coarse grains.

**Jan. 25th.** — C.P.R. liner Empress of Canada destroyed by fire, in Liverpool docks.

**Jan. 26th.** — Canadian rail presidents meet union heads after discussions with vice-presidents deadlock. London reports new plan for Iranian oil settlement is about ready. British supply minister Sandys says atomic energy should soon provide additional power for British industry.

**Jan. 27th.** — Canadian rail talks collapse.

**Jan. 28th.** — R.A.F. announces England-to-Australia flight record broken by British Canberra twin-jet bomber, with 22 hours and 8 minutes. Canadian budget calls for highest peace-time spending — over \$4,749 millions; of this, more than \$2,000 millions on

## Domestic Price Sought for Our Milling Wheat

Establishment of a domestic price for milling wheat was asked by the C.F.A. in Annual Meeting. It was proposed that the price should be "subject to adjustment from time to time in accordance with changes in the domestic economy, as shown by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indices covering commodities and services used by farmers, as also living costs. A resolution from the Alberta Federation had urged action along these lines, as had the Farmers' Union of Alberta in Convention.

defence, \$745 millions on social security. In Tokyo, UN top command publishes charges that Korean prison camp riots were deliberately staged by U.S.S.R. Liddell Hart, in article published in New York, declares Soviet atomic bombs would "make Britain desert island" in event of war.

**Jan. 29th.** — Canadian rail strikes called off, after conferences with St. Laurent and renewed negotiations; unions gain 12 per cent wage increase (had originally asked for 35 per cent).

**Jan. 30th.** — Dulles and Stassen leave U.S. for Europe; Dulles has threatened downward revision of U.S. assistance unless European countries speed up defence programs.

committee charges East German government has revived anti-Semitic laws. Western powers again refuse Russian terms for opening talks on Austrian peace treaty. In South Africa, Malan says he will go ahead with his race-segregation policies. Adenauer says a few Nazis in Germany do not make Nazism; says foreign powers should be less sensational.

**Jan. 31st.** — White leaders of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland sign agreement for federation; Africans (who boycotted London conference) are opposed. British Government has approved universal adult suffrage for British Honduras, reported from London.

**Feb. 1st.** — Worst floods in five hundred years, accompanied by hurricane, cause tremendous damage in Britain, Holland, Belgium; (later, deaths reported over 1,000).

**Feb. 2nd.** — Eisenhower announces withdrawal of Seventh Fleet from assignment to prevent Chiang Kai-Shek's forces on Formosa attacking Chinese mainland; but protection of Formosa against attacks from mainland not abandoned; St. Laurent states Canada was advised but not consulted; Churchill tells Commons no commitments made by Britain; Eisenhower decision causes great concern outside U.S. Queen Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh will begin

## A.C.U. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alberta Co-operative Union will be held in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, on March 9th, just prior to the Annual Congress of the Dominion organization, the Co-operative Union of Canada, Norman F. Priestley, Secretary-Treasurer of the A.C.U. announces.

round-the-world trip in November.

**Feb. 3rd.** — Floods take toll of 991 lives in Holland, million homeless; death list in Britain mounting, now stands at 514. Churchill says relief is national responsibility. Canadian Red Cross, Government rushing aid. Eden states U.S. removal of fleet from Straits of Formosa will have unfortunate political results, without compensating military advantages; says Britain was informed, but not consulted. St. Laurent declares U.S. alone is responsible for action.

**Feb. 4th.** — Continued wind, high seas, batter Holland, England; official death toll now over 1,800.

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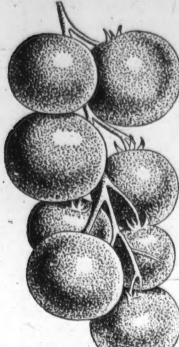
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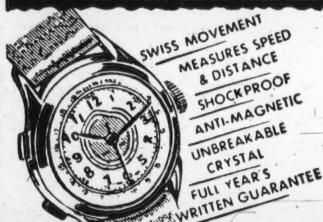
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Mrs. L. E. Pharis was the speaker at a recent meeting of Warner F.W.U.A., and Mrs. Florence Elliott gave a humorous reading, writes Mrs. Lorraine Heppeler.

Donations of \$10 each were voted recently by Sydenham F.W.U.A. (Wainwright) to the Leadership course, the Building fund, and the A.C.W.W., reports Secretary Mrs. A. C. Borch.

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# FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

## WHAT COULD BE A FINER MONUMENT?

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Dear Farm Women:

As usual, many of us wonder what will particularly mark this year 1953. It is only when we stop to think of something like this that we have it driven home again and again that every year, every person, leaves something by which to be remembered. Sometimes it seems of apparent unimportance and sometimes the influence does not seem to be far-reaching. It may only be that "Aunt Lucy made the best doughnuts ever", or unfortunately it may be "She had a terrible tongue". Or it may be that was the year when we met—or some disaster may mark another. But we and the years in a sense leave a monument behind us.

The other night I picked up **The Alberta School Trustee**, and I saw what I considered one of the finest of monuments; a monument to a person and a monument to our farm women's organization. It was the subject of an article by Donald Cameron of the Extension Department of the University of Alberta, and one paragraph read:

### Mrs. Parlby's Initiative

"There were not many short courses as we know them today, in the early years. When I joined the staff in 1930 there was one annual short course — the Annual Farm Young People's Week, which was never a week but eight days. The week still goes on — the oldest continued extension course we have. Next year's course will be the thirty-fifth. Started at the instigation of Mrs. Irene Parlby, then President of the U.F.W.A., the Farm Young People's Week was designed to enable rural young people to come to the University for a week in June each year and to see what the University had to offer them. Locals were encouraged to send young people as delegates to Farm Young People's Week and it has become so much a tradition to do so that every young person in some districts, as they become 16, 17 or 18 years of age, has the opportunity to attend Farm Young People's Week.

"It has been a fine thing for the young people, but an even better thing for the University. One result has been that in practically every rural community in Alberta there are several young people who have been to the University. They have met the faculty and they have come to know in a practical way what the University has to offer and what it can mean to them individually. It has been important in another way. Our records show that from 10 to 17 per cent of those who made their first visit to the University as delegates to Farm Young People's Week return to take the regular courses and graduate as doctors, lawyers, engineers, agriculturists and teachers."

Now what finer monument could Mrs. Parlby want? And she, I know, would insist that of herself it could not have been accomplished; that it was achieved because of her position as President of our organization which was behind her in this effort. Also it was because of the efforts of dozens and dozens and dozens of women

### Joins Colombo Plan

BATAVIA, Indonesia—Indonesia, in accepting full membership in the Colombo Plan, becomes the sixth country outside the British Commonwealth to do so. The program was developed within the Commonwealth to help underdeveloped nations.

through the years — the first years especially — to make a success of the undertaking.

What the greater number of us do will not be a monument of so wide a shadow. Our memory will be confined to a very few, but there will be one. What is yours going to be?

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

## News of Women's Locals

Viking South, writes Mrs. Lansing, are putting on a play to raise funds.

An entertainment to be held jointly with the F.U.A. Local was recently planned by Innisfree F.W.U.A.

A Valentine party, "on the house", is being planned by Stapledene F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. Moore.

Rose Leaf F.W.U.A. (Sylvan Lake) divided with the F.U.A. proceeds of about \$165 from their Boxing Dance.

Evergreen F.W.U.A. are starting rehearsals of a play to be presented in March. A benefit dance, and raffle, brought in \$139.

Two serviceable quilts were made by Drumheller East F.W.U.A. recently and added to a parcel of clothing to be sent to Korea.

Mr. Wallace of the Experimental Farm has been invited to address Beaverlodge F.W.U.A. on "Landscaping the Farm Yard"; writes Mrs. Don McNab.

Two members of the Junior F.U.A., Alfred McGhan and Dick Jackson, recently addressed Clover Bar F.W.U.A. on a Civil Defence course they had taken.

A team from Spruceville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) took the affirmative in a debate, "Resolved that reading is more educational than travelling," recently arranged, with the F.U.A. Local upholding the negative.

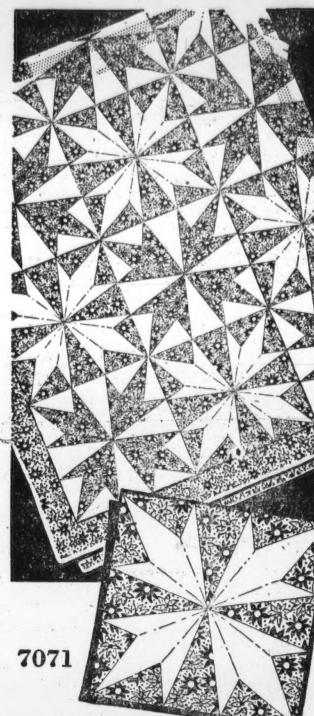
In addition to a donation of \$10 to the Korean campaign of the Unitarian Service Committee, Notre Dame F.W.U.A. (North Edmonton) are forwarding a large hamper of clothing, reports the secretary, Mrs. J. P. Gittins.

A demonstration on copper tooling and rug making, by Mrs. Eggertson, district home economist, was enjoyed recently by Westlock F.W.U.A. Mrs. C. Glen writes that the Local voted \$5 towards the cost of installing gas and water in the United Church basement.

Arrowwood F.W.U.A. recently closed the drive for the C.N.I.B., sending in \$256, writes Mrs. F. A. Hall. During the winter, these ladies sponsored a bridal shower, an anniversary party, a joint meeting with the F.U.A., and a Christmas party.

Conrich F.W.U.A. are planning a chicken supper for the near future, writes Mrs. Ralph Cary, and a card party for March. It was decided to enlarge the roll call, and have every member take part; and lunches are to be simplified.

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### Simple Plan for Reducing

A simple plan for reducing is recommended by Margaret E. Smith, Ph.B., M.Sc., nutrition director of the Health League of Canada. She suggests noting the names of foods which contain animal protein, and using them regularly. They are milk, Canadian cheese, cottage cheese, buttermilk, eggs, lean meat and lean fish. Then note the non-essential foods and avoid them: cream, bacon, sugar, jam, corn syrup, all chocolate or cocoa used in drinks, desserts and cakes, carbonated water of all kinds, candies, pies with a top crust, ice cream and rich cake.

Pruning of trees should be done, in most cases, after the most severe winter temperatures are past, or just before new growth begins, says John Walker of the Forest Nursery Station at Indian Head. One exception is Box elder which should not be pruned until after new growth is well started. For old windbreak trees which have lost most of their lower branches, or carry some dead branches, drastic cutting back, to near ground level, is recommended.

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## FARM HOME &amp; GARDEN

**Ginger Cake:** Beat well together 1 cup butter (or half butter and half lard), 1 cup golden syrup, 1 cup sugar, 4 eggs. Add 1 cup cold water and 3 cups flour, which has been sifted with 2 tsp. ginger and 2 tsp. soda.

**Atlantic Baked Beans:** Here's a Maritimes recipe for old-fashioned baked beans. Soak 4 cups navy beans overnight; add 4 tps. salt, and 1 large onion, minced, and if necessary add water to cover the beans. Simmer until skins break. Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup tomato catsup, 1 cup molasses and 2 tsp. dry mustard and add to beans. Cut half a pound of salt pork into small pieces, and mix with beans; place all in casserole, cover and bake in slow oven 6 or 7 hours, uncovering for the last twenty minutes.

**Baked Halibut:** Wipe 2 pounds halibut steaks (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick) and place in casserole; sprinkle with salt and pepper. In a saucepan, melt 3 tbsp. butter, add 2 tbsp. each minced celery and onion, and saute 5 minutes; add 1 tbsp. flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped dill pickles and 1 No. 2 can tomatoes; bring to boil, then pour over fish. Bake in moderately hot oven 20 to 25 minutes.

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Low Farm Prices Not Passed to Consumer;  
Investigation Asked

Because "the lower prices to farmers for livestock have not been reflected in the price of meat to the consumer," it was recommended by the open session of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at Victoria that "the Government of Canada take immediate action to investigate, in the interest of the people of Canada as a whole, all the elements of cost as between the producer and consumer in relation to all meat products."

## WHEAT GROWERS' STEADFASTNESS

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tion of a considerable variety of synthetic dairy products, following on the heels of the margarine invasion. This new threat is the worst feature of the troubles of the dairy industry today, said Mr. Hannam.

In asking some form of protection against cheap vegetable oils, the dairy industry was only asking for something, in a rather small way, which other industries had enjoyed for years.

Time and again, said Mr. Hannam, farmers had thrown the challenge to other industries to abandon tariff protection, but it had never been taken up. "The plain truth," said Mr. Hannam, "is that most people in Canada are benefitting by protection in their own incomes and they are, unfairly and inconsistently raising a cry against farmers attempting a small measure of what they themselves are doing."

**Floor Prices "Stop-Loss" Device**  
"The main stabilizing feature of our domestic farm program," said the Federation President, "is the price support policy, and in relation to the small net cost to the treasury, it has probably been for Canada per dollar expended one of the best measures we've had in the national interest.

"But it is still a floor price mechanism," he said. "It is intended to be a stop-loss device and with a few exceptions it has been applied as such. It is not intended to be a guarantee of a profitable or incentive price, because if it were it would probably encourage too much production and result in piling up embarrassing surpluses in the hands of the price support boards. "This," said Mr. Hannam, "in view of the lack of any proper international program for handling surpluses, would almost certainly undermine and discredit the price support program."

Referring to support programs in U.S. and Britain, Mr. Hannam said there were features of those programs which Canadian farmers would not take kindly to. He suggested that it might be wise to recognize the limitations of a price floor program, but, using it wisely, have its permanence, more securely established, and then use other measures and explore new methods to achieve balanced returns and stability.

"The next major development in agricultural policy," said Mr. Hannam, "should be finding ways and means of overcoming the undue measure of risk and gamble still existing in agricultural production, because of market uncertainty and price instability."

## RELATING REGIONAL PROBLEMS

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they could sit down with the Board to negotiate prices fair to producers and consumers. It was a shock when the Board continued using the speculative market. This caused crazy fluctuations. During October, 1952, barley prices varied 30 cents; and Maritime Co-operatives couldn't get barley for the last two weeks of the month. We buy wheat from the Board

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at their fixed prices, Mr. Grant said, and can't understand why that same Board can't store and sell coarse grains in the same way.

## Suggests Build Organization

A. T. Baker, Vice-President of Alberta Wheat Pool, stated that Western producers want to help the Eastern feeders solve their problems. Last year they offered to help to the extent of \$50,000. For fifty years Western farmers have been trying to eliminate the speculative market in setting the price of coarse grains. Prices of Canadian coarse grains must fluctuate with competitive markets such as Chicago. Western producers have worked for half a century to build their marketing machinery, said Mr. Baker. The solution of the problem which Eastern feeders face is to build their own organization, he suggested. The Western Co-operatives would be ready and anxious to help them.

J. A. Marion, Quebec Vice-President of the C.F.A., maintained that any day the Eastern movement of grain might be stopped. Eastern feeders never intended that creation of the Board grain handling monopoly might leave them cut off from supply.

Several delegates pointed out that, rather than withhold grain from the market, the policy of the Wheat Board was to sell freely at all times to anyone. The question was emphasized, however, how could the Board reach the Eastern feeders, until the latter organize to buy?

## Will Continue to Co-operate

Organized farmers, both East and West, will continue to co-operate; and will reach a solution satisfactory to both, stated Geo. N. McConnell, Vice-President of Manitoba Pool Elevators. In their Pools, Western producers had invested \$71 millions in grain handling facilities. Eastern feeders might strengthen their position through co-operative action.

## Somebody Is Wrong!

While Eastern feeders think prices are too high, the President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange stated, on October 17th, 1952, that Western producers received through the Wheat

Board from five to seven cents less than the average low for the year for their oats and barley. Somebody is wrong!

The Wheat Board, maintaining stocks of coarse grains in Eastern Canada means Western producers subsidizing Eastern feeders. Nevertheless, if the Board wants to put feed grains in Eastern position, Western farmers will not oppose such a move, said Mr. McConnell.

Following a vigorous and prolonged discussion in which more than twenty delegates spoke, the meeting resolved that this matter be referred to the incoming C.F.A. Board for further study and necessary action — the result of which are given on page 7.

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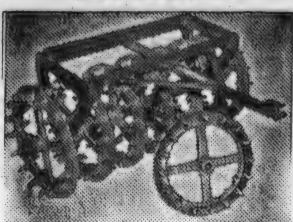
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## The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept., Alberta Wheat Pool

The most outstanding feature in the world wheat picture at the present time is that representatives of 46 nations are meeting in Washington, D.C. to discuss renewal of the International Wheat Agreement. The present agreement, covering 581 million bushels and providing a floor price of \$1.20 a bushel and a ceiling of \$1.80, expires next July 31.

So far little information has come from the Washington meeting and opinions are mixed as to whether a new agreement will be reached. Exporting nations will be willing to renew the pact only if a substantial increase in prices can be obtained. Since the last agreement was drawn up in 1949, costs of production have mounted steadily. On the other hand, it remains to be seen how far importing nations are prepared to go in agreeing to an increase in prices in view of much improved world's supply of wheat.

### Record World Wheat Crop

The world harvested a record wheat crop this past year. Canada's crop was 100 million bushels greater than the previous record, and the United States wheat crop was the second largest in history.

Argentina has just completed the harvest of 250 million bushels of wheat, as against only 75 million last year, and will soon be on the export market with substantial supplies.

In Australia farmers have in the past

## Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Feb. 4th. — Hogs sold yesterday \$21.50, sows \$12, good lambs \$22.50. Good butcher steers were \$20 to \$21, down to \$14, good butcher heifers \$17.50 to \$18.50, down to \$14; good light cows \$12.50 to \$13.50, down to \$10.50; cannery and cutters \$7 to \$10. Good stocker and feeder steers \$17 to \$19, good to choice veal calves \$21 to \$24, down to \$17.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Feb. 2nd. — Bulk of heavy choice steers sold last week from \$21 to \$21.90, with good to choice fed calves \$19 to \$21; good to choice butcher heifers sold mostly from \$18.50 to \$20.50; light butcher cows sold steady, but heavy fat kinds were draggy; good cows priced mostly from \$11.50 to \$12.50. There was only a limited demand for replacements, with good feeder steers selling mostly from \$18 to \$19. Grade A hogs for shipment closed \$21.75.

## The Dairy Market

There has been no change in the dairy market. Locally, special cream is 64 to producers, No. 1 is 62, No. 2 is 53, and off-grade 47. Prints, wholesale, are 64.

## Egg and Poultry Market

Calgary prices to producers, as we go to press, are for A large eggs 31, medium 29, small 25; B's are 21, C's 21. Dressed chicken, under 4 lbs. are 31 down to 15; 4 to 5 lbs., 41 down to 21; over 5 lbs., 43 down to 23. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs., 24 down to 11; 4 to 5 lbs., 29 down to 15; over 5 lbs., 31 down to 17. We regret that through error our Jan. 16th issue gave retail prices.

couple of months taken off a crop of 180 million bushels, the largest crop in five years, and will have more wheat for export than thought possible a short time ago. Turkey and the Near East will also have small supplies for export this year. European crops were good, particularly in France and Italy.

### World Wheat Trade May Drop

While the present demand is good, it seems quite possible that world trade in wheat during the coming crop year may drop to about 800 million bushels as compared to nearly 1,000 million bushels which moved last year.

In general, grain producers in the Prairie Provinces of Canada wish to see the agreement renewed if prices are increased. However, in view of improved world conditions, it is not likely that as large an increase as hoped for by many will be obtained. The Canadian delegation went to this meeting prepared for hard bargaining and its leader, M. W. Sharp, Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, has said that "we shall not be easily satisfied."

Should the participating nations fail to reach a new agreement, the immediate prospect of disposing of Canada's large supply of wheat is good as present demand is keen; but the long-term outlook is not so bright.

## Urge Stepped-up Buying Through Co-operatives of British Manufactures

SASKATOON, Sask. — In annual meeting here, Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives urged that as many British manufactured goods as possible be obtained through co-operative groups in the United Kingdom and brought in through the port of Churchill. By enabling the British to obtain dollars in this way it is pointed out, the ability of the British to buy Canadian food exports would be increased.

The United Nations' Children's Emergency Fund during 1952 gave aid to 16,000,000 children in 72 different countries.

## Meat Prices under New Argentine Agreement

LONDON, Eng. — Under their new trade agreement with the Argentine, Britain will pay 20.1 cents (U.S.) per pound for top quality frozen beef sides, 22.6 cents for chilled beef, 18.5 for lamb and 32.8 for pork cuts. Argentina is to take manufactured goods from Britain in exchange.

## Ask Consider Live Grade Basis for Exports to U.S.

Reaffirming its previous stand in favor of the "sale of all hogs on rail grade basis," the C.F.A. open session proposed that "in the event the United States market becomes available for trade, the Federal Department of Agriculture give every consideration to facilitating grading on a live basis for export so that Federal premiums may be applied."

It was also asked that "further consideration be given to reviewing pork rail-grade changes suggested by a National Grades Committee."

It was pointed out that consumer preference is for pork with little or no fat, and for the lighter cuts, and that "there is considerable evidence to indicate that cheapest gains are made by pigs before they reach the present upper weights of A and B grades," and that "there is now a pork surplus that is not finding a ready or profitable market."

### ALBERTA DAIRYMEN

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"The more recent common belief among dairy producers that best results are secured by the straight dairy breeds and the use of sires selected from high producing stock is beginning to show dividends. Undoubtedly, further improvements can be made, not only in breeding, but in feeding and the eradication of disease. We are happy to note that our Departments of Agriculture are attacking these problems with vigor."

### Dairy Picture Changing

Mr. Duffy pointed out that 1952 was ideal for dairy production in most respects, heavy June rains giving excellent pasture and ideal fall weather extending the pasture season and ensuring abundant feed. Small quotas for grain marketing due to lack of elevator space made producers conscious of the need for a regular and steady income, and this, with the slump in livestock prices, changed the dairy picture somewhat, and butter and cheese production have shown increases in recent months over the previous year, fluid milk, scarce a year ago, is ample to supply all demands and other products such as ice cream and concentrated milk show increases.

"It would appear, therefore," said Mr. Duffy, "that we have rounded the turn on production, and that we may be entering a new era when milk will become more plentiful."

The President dealt with marketing problems, and referred to the fact that the quantity of butter classified as first grade reached an all time high in 1952 for Alberta of 95.4 per cent, and this and Grand Championships won by Albertans at the C.N.E. and Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, were cause for pride.

The Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Defence Science will meet in New Delhi March 2nd to 14th.

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## Merger Authorized by Small Margin at Meeting of ACCU

### **Vote Favoring Formation of Canadian Co-op. Credit Society Unanimous**

Forty delegates of credit unions and co-operatives, with twenty-eight visitors registered at the annual meeting of Alberta Central Credit Union Limited on Jan. 31st in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, under the chairmanship of R. D. Heslep, of Edmonton, acting president.

W. Hamilton, chairman of the credit committee, reported that during the year there had been seventy-one applications for loans, amounting in the aggregate to \$314,000. Of these only one had been rejected. Total loans outstanding at the end of the year were \$121,762.00, according to the report of the treasurer-manager, S. O'Brien, of Calgary. Investment in Dominion Bonds had increased from \$83,100.00 in 1951 to \$129,109.68 in 1952. The report of the Board of Directors, presented by R. D. Heslep, recommended a dividend on shares of 2%, which was adopted.

#### **Merger Authorized**

The outstanding debate of the day was on the question of amalgamating Alberta Central Credit Union, Ltd., with the Credit Union League of Alberta. A resolution to authorize the board of the former to confer with the board of the League and effect the merger was carried by a small margin.

By a unanimous vote the meeting went on record as favoring the formation of the proposed Canadian Co-operative Credit Society. Legislation to provide for the incorporation of such a body is expected during the present session of Parliament. The board was instructed to join with the petitioners from the other Provinces of Canada if at all possible.

#### **Officers Elected**

The following were elected officers for the coming year: President, Ernest Marshall, Calgary; Vice-President, R. D. Heslop, Edmonton; Directors: C. M. Baker, Calgary; R. N. Gibb, Edmonton; Supervisory Committee: A. H. Warren, Calgary; H. Stevens, Calgary; J. Lauerman, Edmonton.

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A panel of speakers was set up and members of the field service, equipped with moving pictures, will accompany them. An effort is being made to cover all of the affiliate stores before the annual meeting, which is to be held in Edmonton March 18th and 19th.

The financial year of the Wholesale terminates on January 31st, but treasurer R. N. Gibb assured those present that the essential facts of the year would be made available for the series of meetings. W. G. Derkaz, manager of the Management Service Division, was in charge of the meeting; and J. Russell Love, President, took part in the briefing of the members of the field service.

Minion, they were, at different times throughout the convention, entertained by the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association.

#### **Day's Trip in Fraser Valley**

"Whilst the convention didn't start until Wednesday the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association did entertain all the registered delegates at that time to a day's trip in the Fraser Valley. More than sixty took in the trip and had an opportunity of seeing the large and well equipped evaporated milk plant of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association at Delair, two miles south of Abbotsford. Then they visited the Utility Plant at Sardis which is about two miles from Chilliwack. Had lunch in Chilliwack and then back to Vancouver for a visit at the 8th Avenue Plant in Vancouver. It was a full day and a very interesting one.

"The Directors' meeting was on Tuesday afternoon the 20th and the convention got under way on Wednesday morning, the 21st.

"Three good addresses were given, one by Dr. H. A. Derby, the second one by Dr. H. A. Bendixen from Pullman, Washington, and the third by Dr. Blythe Eagles of the University of British Columbia.

"Following these three addresses there was a discussion of them by a panel of five men. Gordon Loveridge chaired the panel and the others were Mr. A. J. Martin of St. Thomas, Ontario; Mr. Jack Polley of Bamford; Mr. William Reidy of Petrolia; and E. A. Johnstone of Red Deer.

"The second day, Thursday, was taken up in the morning with a meeting of the commodity groups such as butter, cheese, concentrated products and fluid milk. In the afternoon there was a discussion of the reports from the commodity groups."

#### OTTAWA LETTER

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was in payment for grain or its products.

#### **U.S. Livestock Markets Weaken**

Livestock prices in the United States markets haven't been strong in the past week or two. In Chicago, the main market, good live steer prices last week were not on an average more than 2½ cents above Canadian prices, which means that for the time Canadian cattle prices were not an export basis even if the embargo were off.

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#### **Canadian Markets Fairly Good**

During the past week the Canadian livestock markets have been fairly good, stronger particularly at Winnipeg and at Toronto in some classes. For a time the cloud of the possible railroad strike hung over the market, with all the uncertainties that that would have entailed. That cleared with the announcement of the agreement reached at Ottawa. From the beginning of the year weekly marketings have been heavy, running to 22 to 23 thousand head a week, while in the same period last year they were approximately 12,000 and over.

It seems probable that a factor in the market has been the fear that with the opening of the U.S. market there might be a slight recession in price, if in the meantime there is no strengthening at Chicago and other U.S. markets. It is to be kept in mind, of course, that the opening of the American market will serve as a balance wheel to Canadian markets. There is this to be understood in

relation to the opening of the American market, that the freedom of the larger market will undoubtedly be felt and that the feeling will in general be a favorable one. It will create confidence in the trade, a confidence with a firmer base. The very fact that new opportunities for the sale of livestock are open will have a marked psychological effect.

#### **Unwarranted Nervousness**

There has been some unwarranted nervousness over reports about the Government's stocks of butter. Reports stated that the Government had "frozen" the 35 million pounds of butter in storage. It has been authoritatively explained that the amount in storage is 30 million pounds, and that there is no need to worry about this butter. The 1951 butter stocks have been sold, and "we are only taking stock of 1952 storage. The trade is not yet suffering and the consumer can rest assured that the price will not rise in respect of what we are doing at the present time". It has been further explained that the situation is quite normal, there is nothing unusual about it in any way.



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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

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\* \* \*

Our office cynic says that the difference between a red banana and a yellow banana is the color — and the price.

\* \* \*

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

The surest way to be knee-deep in daisies is to plant some.

\* \* \*

New York theatre critic declares that plays for that city must have snap, punch and a touch of the devil himself. Understandable enough, says Chuck of Chuckawalla, Broadway isn't any straight-and-narrow way.

We gleaned the following from a Chicago newspaper society column: "Mrs. Florence WEST from the EAST, en route to visit her sister, Mrs. Mary NORTH, in the SOUTH, stayed over one day in Chicago with her brother, Harold ONWAY. Obviously the visit to her brother was a good idea. We gather it gave her a chance to study her compass."

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### AND IT DOES

According to an American professor of political science, although the U.S. has lent and practically given away huge sums of money, Americans were never more prosperous. The whole idea of "lend-give", he says, aims at increasing one's own prosperity and there is not one particle of self-sacrifice or charity in it. Sure there's charity in it all right. The Yanks simply believe that charity begins at home.

### LITANY

If I have erred in thought or word or deed,  
Or failed my fellow man in his dire need,

Dear Lord, forgive me.

If I have worked against the Divine plan,  
Or wronged, unknowingly, my fellow man,

Dear Lord, forgive me.

If I have strayed along the path of life,  
Or compromised with evil in the stife,

Dear Lord, forgive me.

If I have trampled down life's sacred things,  
Or thwarted that which man's salvation brings,

Dear Lord, forgive me.

If I have sinned against eternal love,  
Or cursed at times, the earth and heaven above,

Dear Lord, forgive me.

If I have done these things, O Holy One,  
And left some other worthy things undone,

Dear Lord, forgive me.

— VOLODIMIR BARABASH.

### TODAY'S BRIGHT THOUGHT

The head and the heart should work together.

We see that a recent magazine article describes Ernest Hemingway as a jovial, contented man. Naturally, possessing nine cats, he never has to cry over spilled milk.

As a matter of fact, this column can remember Ernest away back when we both worked for the Toronto Star, and even then he was a jovial chap, but I'm darned if he was contented.

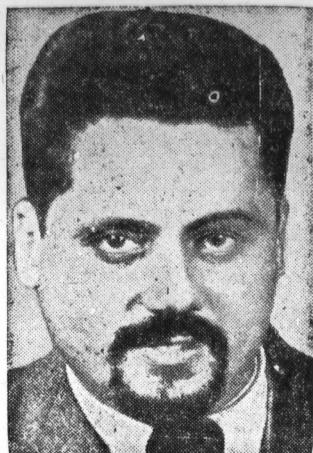
Fern of Fernie informs us that on a recent trip to Portland, Ore., she chose a swank hotel but the only difference between the bed and the floor was about eighteen inches. And that just goes to prove, Fern, that even in Portland, life isn't always a bed of roses.

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Our favorite scientist explains the origin of green and white gold thusly: When yellow gold first saw the lustre of the diamond, it turned green with envy; when it saw the brilliance of the ruby, it turned white with rage.

In Florida, a man left \$10,000 to his nurse "because she had the good sense and patience to serve me with wrinkleless prunes at breakfast and

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to prepare the grapefruit in a manner so as to make it squirt-proof." Gosh! He was a good old squirt himself for being so generous. As for the nurse, what a lot of cash for just preventing a splash and what an increase in her nest-egg for just decreasing those creases.

### THE WALRUS

The lucky walrus, it appears, Does not possess external ears; A lack to little boys denied — A nothingness to wash inside!

—T. Holloway.

### FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"This isn't quite your size, madam, but it's not much good being too fussy, is it madam?"

### TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

Replying to a question whether Winston Churchill would hand over leadership of the party soon, Hamilton Kerr, Tory M.P. for Cambridge, said he'd heard Mr. Churchill answer a similar question recently. Said Winnie: "I shall not leave the pub until closing time."

Seeing Christmas was approaching, Mr. W. Teeeling, M.P., asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if he would reconsider the restriction on the import of Brazil nuts. Tut, tut, he should have put that question to Charlie's Aunt.

Considerable grumbling has been heard lately about the gobbledegook language employed by civil service in their communications to the public. So try this one on your linoleum: "Inhabitants normally resident in accommodation units constructed of siliceous or allied materials are inconveniently situated for the projection of missiles having an inorganic base." Nunno, the answer isn't a lemon, folks, but we'll bet a nickel the Boss can't rewrite it. How about it, Norman?

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, says Knotty Frankie is an awful decaf guy. Yep, sez she, he pretends to believe me when he knows I'm lying to him.

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This is drawn to your attention because anything that affects the economic welfare of a large segment of Canada's population adversely, eventually affects the welfare of the entire people—you, your friends, your neighbours.

### What Happened in 1952

Sharp price drops started early in 1952, without compensating recessions in the cost of production, thus starting the contraction in buying power. By mid-year, at the time of peak production, the average price of all farm milk had dropped by 10.2 per cent and the price of cows and calves sold for meat had tumbled more than 36 per cent. At the same time cost of production, as indicated by the index of goods and services used by farmers, instead of dropping actually rose by 5.9 per cent.

### Who Has Been Affected

The first group to feel the effect of this income recession is the 1,820,000 persons on Canada's 455,000 dairy farms. These primary producers, together with 460,000 persons such as hired farm workers, dairy factory and milk distributing plant employees and others directly associated with the industry constitute one-sixth of all Canadians, and their industry ranks third among Canadian industries.

Canada's dairy farmers, by milking cows 365 days in the year, early in the morning and late in the day, produce more than 16,000,000,000 pounds of milk in a year. In 1951, the cash income from milk sold off the farms was \$373,611,000. Dairy cows and calves sold for breeding and meat purposes are estimated to have brought the cash income from dairy herds to a total of \$475,000,000.

### How Producer Groups Feel the Pinch

Farm milk prices, already low in relation to other foods, began to sag in March and continued downward through the peak production period of the spring and early summer. Throughout this period cost of production continued upward. Some groups of producers were hit harder by price drops than others, depending on their market. Only the producers selling on the fluid milk market escaped price setbacks. The price of their milk, which accounts for 26 per cent of production, increased by 6.1%, the rise barely keeping pace with increased production costs.

Thirty-six per cent of all milk produced in Canada is sold for creamery butter production—the price of this milk dropped 10.3% from the average for 1951. Eight per cent of the milk is sold for manufacture into evaporated and powdered forms—milk for this purpose slumped 16.2%. Nearly 7 per cent of the dairy farmers' product goes into dairy butter where prices dropped 5.6 per cent. A similar amount goes into cheese—cheese milk slumped 34.7% then recovered about one-half of the price loss in late months of the year. The balance of the milk produced is used on the farm for livestock feeding and household purposes.

### How Consumers May Be Affected

Canada's farmers, through lower food prices, are carrying the burden of the decline in the cost of living index, that has been reported in recent months by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Unless declines in living costs are shared by all forms of production and services, sharp changes in volume of production are bound to take place.

Present availability of dairy foods is largely responsible for Canada's high standard of nutrition because milk is a low-cost source of protein, vital minerals and vitamins. This can continue only so long as dairy production is on a scale that ensures continuity of supply for the people of Canada.

### How Employment May Be Affected

More immediate than the effect of prices on supply, is the effect on employment. The dairy farmer is a major market for both producer and consumer goods. When he is forced to curtail his purchases through loss in income, the market for a wide range of goods and services is curtailed. This leads to unemployment of, or loss of income to, persons in practically every walk of life. Few can escape the impact of a sharp and wide-spread loss of net income by a group as large as Canada's producers of dairy products.

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